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TAGS: MILI, MASS, MU, IR

SUBJECT: REPAIR OF TOW MISSILES

REFERENCE: MUSCAT 636

1. DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION, IN PRINCIPLE, TO OMANI'S SEEKING TO HAVE THEIR TOW MISSILES AND LAUNCHERS REPAIRED IN IRAN. THERE IS, OF COURSE, A QUESTION OF PERMISSION FOR THE TRANSFER OF U.S. ORIGIN PARTS, TECHNICAL DATA AND TRAINING SKILLS, IF THE GOI ULTIMATELY AGREES TO THE OMANI REQUEST. AS A RESULT, IN COMMUNICATING YOUR SUGGESTION TO THE OMANI MINISTRY OF DEFENSE THAT THEY EXPLORE THE QUESTION OF TOW REPAIR IN IRAN DIRECTLY WITH THE GOI, YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THE NECESSITY FOR LIAISON AND CONTINUING CONSULTATION ON THIS QUESTION WITH YOUR EMBASSY. THIS  
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LIAISON WOULD ALLOW YOU, IN TURN, TO KEEP CONCERNED WASHINGTON AGENCIES INFORMED AND RECEIVE TIMELY GUIDANCE ON MILITARY TRANSFER QUESTIONS.

2. SHOULD GOI AND GOVERNMENT OF SULTANATE OF OMAN AGREE TO SOME COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT, WE WILL HAVE TO KNOW DETAILS OF THE SPECIFIC AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO DETERMINE

WHETHER THIRD PARTY TRANSFER PROCEDURES AND/OR DIRECT  
TRANSFER BY USG ARE INVOLVED. IF SPARE/REPAIR PARTS,

FACILITIES, AND PERSONNEL SKILLS ARE PROVIDED BY THE GOI,  
THIRD PARTY TRANSFER PROCEDURES INVOLVING PRIOR CONGRES-  
SIONAL NOTIFICATION AND WAITING PERIODS WOULD APPLY. IF  
ON THE OTHER HAND, USG AND/OR ITS CONTRACTORS SUPPLY THE  
PARTS AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES, THIS WOULD CONSTITUTE A  
DIRECT USG TRANSFER. THIS LATTER SITUATION BECAUSE OF  
THE MODEST SCOPE OF THE RESULTING ARRANGEMENT COULD LIKELY  
BE HANDLED BY SOME ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ON THE PART OF  
THE DEPARTMENT.  
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